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WORLD FOOD PRODUCER.

Few Americans realize the extent to which their country has become food producer of the world. A full account of the distribution of American foodstuffs has not been published but the National City bank of New York has published a statement telling the story in part and showing conclusively that the United States during the past year has literally "fed the world."

This statement shows that during the year 1918 the value of foodstuffs sent out of this country exceeded two billion dollars and was over four times as large as any year prior to the war. This tremendous increase is not due to high prices alone. Here is a comparison of the amounts of some foodstuffs exported during the past year and previous years:

Fresh beef, in 1918 540,000,000 pounds, in 1914 6,300,000 pounds; bacon, in 1918 1,000,000,000 pounds, in 1914 less than 200,000,000 pounds; condensed milk, never exceeded prior to the war 21,000,000 pounds, in 1918 553,000,000 pounds. In other words approximately ninety times as much beef, five times as much bacon and forty-two times as much condensed milk.

That our foodstuffs were not all sent to war stricken Europe is shown by the following: India took 25,000,000 pounds of condensed milk, Cuba 30,000,000 pounds, Straits Settlements over 5,000,000 pounds, Hong Kong nearly 4,000,000 pounds, Japan 3,000,000 pounds, Philippine Islands over 6,000,000 pounds and British South Africa about 5,000,000 pounds. Enormous quantities of refined sugar were sent to Belgium, Mexico, Newfoundland and British South Africa. Canned salmon was sent to Canada, the Philippines, Australia and Chili.

This is but part of the story. What a wonderful tale the whole would make of the productions of American soil! Undoubtedly the record figures have been made because with the seas open to peaceful commerce other countries will increase their supply of foodstuffs in the world markets. But the record of the past year shows what America can do and we hope it can continue to produce large proportions of the world's food. If it can, America will have as much influence on world wide peace as the most perfect league of nations, because if it should shut off its food supplies to warlike nations they never could feed their people and armies and prosecute war.

It is said that members of the national women's suffrage association will be picketing in front of the state house on the three days of each week the New Hampshire legislature is in session and on the four days will go to the home towns of the senators who are said to have violated pledges to vote for the resolution asking United States Senator Moses to vote for equal suffrage. The prospect of these week-end parties, and the news that the governor is suffering from a boil on his neck which may not be cured in time for the biennial governor's ball, leads us to remark that the Vermont legislators have a good deal to be thankful for.

House Bill No. 110 would create county and town dog wardens to re-

Forecast for July



ceive \$3 a day for time actually spent and expenses while away from home on official business. But it would take more sheep to pay and support these wardens than dogs will kill in the next five years. We move to amend the bill by creating an official rat hunter for every ten families in the state, said hunters to draw as much money as they want from the state and municipal treasuries.

Representatives of the Mexican government are negotiating for the purchase of 35 high-powered bombing machines for the use of General Calles in pursuing and bombing Francisco Villa's bandit bands. If General Pershing had had an aerial squadron at his command instead of two broken-down planes three years ago, Villa's career would have been cut short just those three years.

Marshal von Hindenburg, according to a Paris newspaper, is endeavoring to bring about the return of the former Emperor William. It adds that Mr. Hindenburg has written to Premier Ebert that he would accept whatever residence in Germany was assigned to him. Evidently William has that "Mitt Gott und Koenig und Vaterland" feeling.

A new ailment has appeared in Paris something like the seven-year itch which is known in almost every country under local names. There are already some cases at the headquarters of the American mission and some have gone so far as to predict that it may hasten the peace conference by making the members come up to the scratch.

One of the most impressive memorials of the war will be the ruined city of Ypres, the scene of several battles, which is to be maintained in its present condition by Belgium that the future generations may learn the horrors of war. Ypres will stand for centuries as a monument to those sacrificed in its defense.

Careful reading of Gov. Clement's appointments shows him to be the greatest political reconstructionist the state has ever had. He has stopped the setting sun of more erstwhile politicians than any "old runder" in the palmist days of the "machine."

Though Admiral Mayo likens the League of Nations to a sewing circle, some of the sewing circles which have been organized in the last two years for war work would make good models for any league. They did their work and produced the goods.

Some of our contemporaries are getting so curious of late. The North Adams Herald now wishes information as to what is to be done about fishing trips in coming seasons under prohibition.

It is said that a least 200,000 Americans now in the army will remain in France, a large part of them wishing to marry French girls. To Pershing's words, "Lafayette we are here," they might add: "And here we stay."

"If Cuba goes dry it will mean goodbye to the Donquist cocktail," says the Holyoke Transcript. It is not future conditions in Cuba that is worrying the thirsty just now.

Biblical "Prophecs." The numerous "prophecs" of the Bible were not persons who foretold the future, but in the original the word means story writer. It will be found by a short examination that this is true.

Today's Events

Two years today since the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

Today is the feast of St. Blaise, a day when many Roman Catholics follow the custom of having their throats blessed.

Today is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Amelia B. Welby, a Southern poetess whose literary efforts were highly praised by Edgar Allan Poe.

Following the example set by the French senate, the Chamber of Deputies will give a formal reception this evening in honor of President Wilson.

The annual Southern Relief Ball, for many years one of the brilliant functions of the winter in Washington, will be held tonight at the New Willard Hotel.

Styles in men's dress for the coming year will be decided upon by the Custom Cutters' Association of America, meeting in annual convention today in New York city.

With Secretary of War Baker and other notables in attendance, a dinner will be given in New York city tonight in honor of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, leading American ace.

Six states and three Canadian provinces will be represented by delegates at a district convention of the International Association of Rotary clubs, which will open today at Madison, Wis.

As a part of the national food production campaign the Alabama Extension Service today will inaugurate a safe farming and marketing campaign to cover the entire state of Alabama. Technical men engaged in the pulp and paper industry are expected to gather in New York in large numbers today for the annual meeting of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry.

The trial of Prof. Scott Nearing and the American Socialist society on indictments charging them with violation of the Espionage Act is scheduled to begin today in the Federal Court in New York city.

Today's Anniversaries.

1793—Gen. Antonio Jose de Sucre, next to Bolivar the most notable leader in the wars for South American independence, born in Venezuela. Died in Colombia in 1830.

1801—William Pitt resigned the British premiership.

1843—Sir William C. Van Horne, Canadian railroad builder, financier and philanthropist, born in Will County, Ill. Died in Montreal, Sept. 11, 1915.

1847—King of Prussia promulgated a new constitution for his kingdom.

1881—Wholesale suspension of Irish members in the House of Commons during discussion on the arrest of Michael Davitt.

1895—State funeral of Marshal Canrobert, the commander of the French troops in the Crimea.

1915—Four forts in the Dardanelles reported destroyed by Anglo-French fleet.

1916—Petrograd reported Turks again defeated by Russians south of Erzerum.

1917—President Wilson severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

In the Day's News.

M. Paul Deschanel, who will deliver the address of welcome to President Wilson when the latter is formally received by the French Chamber of Deputies this evening, has been president of the chamber since 1912. For two decades or longer he has ranked among the foremost politicians of France. Educated at the College Sainte Barbe and at the Lycee Condorcet, he was elected a Deputy in 1885, and in 1896 he became the vice president of the chamber. In 1899 he was honored with election to the French Academy. M. Deschanel's grace of appearance and manner is proverbial. His oratory has all the fire of youth, but is polished and lofty. He is the author of many valuable

works of a political, as well as of a purely literary character.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Lenine's administration by Soviets announced numerous "reforms."

American Red Cross War Council reported appropriations of \$77,643,000.

Two Americans killed and nine wounded in German bombardment of Lorraine sector.

Today's Birthdays.

Rev. William F. Pierce, president of Kenyon college, born at Chicopee Falls, Mass., 51 years ago today.

Porter J. McCumber, United States senator from North Dakota, born at Crete, Ill., 61 years ago today.

Major General Hugh Montague Trenchard, former chief of the British Air Staff, born 46 years ago today.

William J. Harris, United States senator-elect from Georgia, born at Cedartown, Ga., 51 years ago today.

James G. McReynolds, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, born at Elkton, Ky., 57 years ago today.

Judson Harmon, former governor of Ohio and attorney general under President Cleveland, born in Hamilton County O., 73 years ago today.

Of Interest to Women.

All states now admit women to the practice of law.

Women school executives of Kansas have organized a state association.

Nearly 65,000 women were engaged in engineering work in England during the war.

Women in Sweden have been permitted to take the higher university degrees since 1882.

Virginia and Georgia are among the few states in which the state universities remain closed to women.

The first woman's suffrage association in the Netherlands was organized in Amsterdam twenty-five years ago.

One hundred and twenty-six chambermaids are employed in one of the big hotels recently opened in New York city.

The American Red Cross is planning a country-wide movement to enlist the women in better family cooking.

It is believed the coming census will show fully five times as many women as men school teachers in the United States.

American Red Cross nurses in Palestine do everything from sewing and house-cleaning to conducting a traveling dispensary.

The National American Woman Suffrage Association will hold its golden jubilee convention in St. Louis during the last week of April.

Louisiana has appointed a state commission to study the labor of women and children, with a view to maximum hour and minimum wage laws.

Swedish women, who have exercised the right of municipal suffrage during the past ten years, are now to have full suffrage on the same terms as men.

The first training school for nurses in the Republic of Haiti has been established and opened under the direction and control of the United States Public Health Service.

In suffrage circles plans are already under consideration for a suitable observance next year of the centennial of the birth of Susan B. Anthony, the famous pioneer of the woman's rights movement in America.

Six of the largest women's organizations in the state of New York have formed a joint legislative conference to put through the legislature at Albany a program comprising six bills for the benefit of women in industry.

A Monolith, in the shape of a pyramid, cut from a 100-ton block of granite, one of the largest ever quarried in New England, is soon to be erected as a memorial to Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, on the farm near Row, N. H., where she was born in 1821.

Baker's Dozen.

Years ago when a heavy penalty was inflicted for short weight, it was customary for bakers to give a surplus number of loaves, called "baker's dozen," to avoid risk of fine. The thirteenth was known as the "vantage loaf," it is said.

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

BY MARY GRAHAM BOWNER

THE BOX COVERS.

"Well, hello," said a paper box cover. We will call it First Box Cover.

"Hello," said Second Box Cover.

"Well, I never did expect to see you, two chaps here," said Third Box Cover.

"Now," said First Box Cover, "don't put on airs. I remember you too well. I remember when you carried suits for little boys."

"I consider that very fine," said Third Box Cover. "So it is," said First Box Cover.

"I was filled with Spring Flowers."

"But you shouldn't have called us chaps. We aren't chaps. We're box covers. It is as bad as though some little boys saw some other little boys and as though they said:

"Hello, pieces of string."

"Yes, what you said was just as bad—every bit. That is, it wasn't so bad. But you were putting on airs."

"Pray forgive me," said Third Box Cover. "I only thought it was nice to be friendly and this was such a friendly time."

"Yes, where have the three children gone, by the way?" asked Second Box Cover.

"They've gone inside to get some cookies, I believe," said Third Box Cover.

"That sounds good," said First Box Cover.

"What would we do with cookies?" asked Second Box Cover. "We're only box covers, and we can't eat. We haven't mouths, to begin with, and we must have mouths in order to eat."

"There is something more important than that," said Third Box Cover. "What?" asked Second Box Cover.

"We would have to have stomachs, too," said Third Box Cover. "You see, we are coming into the children's world in this fashion, though it is not our usual place. How well I remember all my experiences before I landed on this hill today."

"Won't you tell us your experiences?" asked Second Box Cover.

"Do tell us," said First Box Cover.

"I was made in a factory," said Third Box Cover, "and then I went on a freight train with other boxes. Oh, there were so many of us! We went to a shop and there, after a time, I was used for carrying some suits home for little boys. First Box Cover remembers that. First Box Cover went along at the same time, carrying home a fine assortment of shirts and ties."

"Yes, I was very gay, with all the fineries," said First Box Cover. "And I also started in a factory, and then went on a train and then landed in a shop."

"So did I," said Second Box Cover. "But tell us how you came here, Third Box Cover."

"I was in another house in another place," said Third Box Cover, "and I was put away in an attic. When the spring came I was filled with lovely spring flowers and sent to another town. This was the next place I came to, for I was filled with some city toys at the other town and sent to these children here."

"Well, I've had somewhat the same experiences," said Second Box Cover.

"So have I," said First Box Cover. "I've been filled and emptied and filled again, and finally only the cover was any good."

"Ah, isn't it nice that we covers can be used by the children?" said Second Box Cover. "I was given to the children by their mother, though the whole of my box was good."

"Ah," said Third Box Cover, "what do we care about the rest of the box, really, or whether it is good or not, when we can be used for the games of children?"

"Had we been put away filled with things to be kept safely—as some boxes are used for—

—that would have been all right. But we were lying quite empty around the attic."

"There they come," said First Box Cover.

"They are carrying cookies with them," said Second Box Cover.

"They do look good," admitted Third Box Cover.

"But still, how can we even see them, for we have no eyes?"

"We know how to play make-believe, eh?" said Second Box Cover.

"And real play, too," said First Box Cover. "For just then the three children took the three paper box covers and began sliding down hill on them."

"Oh, what fun these old paper box covers are!" shouted the children as they sped down the hill of snow. And the old paper box covers thought sliding down hill far more fun than being packed full of clothes!

Gain in Horse Trade.

A man sold a horse for \$90, bought him back for \$80, and sold him again for \$100. How much did he make?

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE

I was in the barber shop setting there waiting while the barber cut my hair, and all of a sudden I started to dream on account of having fell asleep, dreaming Pud Simkins was a barber and he was cutting my hair with 2 pairs of sizers one in each hand and looking the other way while he did it, and all of a sudden I woke up and the barber was saying, "All done, you half to pay extra if you want to sleep here. And I looked in the mirror and heer my hair was nearly all clipped off, making me look like a monkey or something."

Hay, I sed, wat did you want to go and do that for?

Wy, that's all the stiles, theres nothing the matter with that, sed the barber.

There ain't hardly any left, I sed. And I went out feeling funny as anything erround the head, and Mary Watkins was standing at her parlor window and saw me going past and she opened the window, saying, "Come on in and see my Krissmass tree, Benny."

I'm on my way home, I cant, I sed thinking of how I looked with my hat off.

Well, you can come in for a minnit, cant you? sed Mary Watkins, and I sed, Well, I mite for a minnit, if its only a minnit. Thinking I mite not half to take my hat off for only a minnit and she opened the frunt door and I went in the parlor were the tree was, being a all rite tree but I've saw lots better, and Mary Watkins sed, Benny Potts, do you think its polite to stand in a ladys parlor and look at her Krissmass tree with your hat on?

I got cold and I'm afraid of drafts, I sed.

Well theres no drafts in heer, sed Mary Watkins and I sed, I know, but you cant tell wat minnit one mite come in.

Benny Potts you take that hat off, sed Mary Watkins.

Im going now, I sed, Wich I started to do, and Mary Watkins quick jumped and pulled my hat off saying, Wy Benny, hee hee hee no wonder youre afraid of drafts, hee hee hee.

Sed there must be a junk sumwars, I sed. And I grabbed my hat back and wawked out looking insulted, Mary Watkins saying, hee hee hee, there is theres one on your heels.

Meaning a joak.

Good in Strawberry Wine.

Regarded medicinally, strawberry wine is held to be superior to grape wine. Spanish doctors who have investigated the matter report that strawberry wine gives the greater strength to a weakened constitution. The strawberry wine industry is said to be assuming some importance in Spain.

For the Baby.

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